



St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook

The Barra

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20th & 21st June 2026

MAT. 10:31

SO DON'T BE AFRAID;
you are worth more than many sparrows.



Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

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Father John ponders.....

"If you expect the best, you will be the best. Learn to use one of the most powerful laws in this world; change your mental habits to belief instead of disbelief. Learn to expect, not to doubt. In so doing, you bring everything into the realm of possibility." --

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Having considered changing attitudes last weekend we now consider the art of using the mind to work for our benefit. It involves employing healthy attitudes to self, others and life in general. Reverend Norman Vincent Peale authored a famous book on motivation called "The Power of Positive Thinking", a popular book in its time. We don't know how many read it but we can guess not everyone benefitted from it. Why? Because people do not believe sufficiently in themselves to employ insights by which they can re-orientate their minds. They seem to be happier not to make any efforts to change, and content to remain stuck where they are. *Metanoia* (turn around) is not a concept they are familiar with although for the Christian *metanoia* is a constant guard against being stuck where we are. The last thing we want to do in view of our unity with Christ Jesus.

Dealing with the mind can be a tricky endeavour because most of us are quite unsure of how the mind works, and generally the mind can be so complicated that people don't take the opportunity to do the hard work to which they are invited. In the Christian context the call to "*repentance*" is not only an evasion of sin but also an invitation to change whatever is an encumbrance to healthy and wholesome living. As Peale points out a powerful law is to change mental habits into belief instead of disbelief. In our process of human formation we can begin by understanding that what we believe about ourselves as agents in the world may not be true. The psychodynamics of this reality is to doubt ourselves rather than to doubt God who has made us into his own wonderful children. Seeing ourselves as weak and miserable people is not a sustainable path to humility. It is an excuse not to do anything to improve ourselves. What a waste!

If our pattern of selfhood is Christ then we need to do everything we possibly can to enhance our coming to life in Christ. And this includes not only our spiritual selves but also our human selves. Saint Peter instructs us that we are all gifted, consequently we are to use these gifts of God to build up ourselves and one another. We can do this by changing our mental habits to ensure that we are singing from the same hymn sheet as God himself about the wonders of our being!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

1st HOLY COMMUNION

CANDIDATES

This weekend we congratulate the **33 children** who will be celebrating the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion**. We hold each of them in prayer as they take this important step in their faith journey.

May God bless them and their families with peace, joy, and a deep sense of God's loving mercy.

WE WELCOME

all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

the Traditional custodians of this land on which we worship at St Finbar's - The Darug and Gundungurra People. We pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

PARISH CALENDAR

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE NEWS

<p>Sunday 21st June</p> <p><i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass—1st Holy Communion</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge Club P/C</p> <p>6.00pm Youth Mass</p> <p>7.30pm Youth Group P/C</p>
<p>Monday 22nd June</p> <p><i>Sts John Fisher & Thomas More</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass -Office is closed</p> <p>5.00pm SVDP Meeting M/R</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd June</p>	<p>9.15am No morning Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Cantabile Choir Practice</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th June</p> <p><i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i></p>	<p>No Morning Mass -Office is closed</p> <p>9.30am Playgroup P/C</p> <p>7.00pm Bridge P/C</p>
<p>Thursday 25th June</p>	<p>9.15am No morning Mass</p> <p>1.00pm Bridge P/C</p> <p>7.30pm SFNC General Meeting P/C</p>
<p>Friday 26th June</p>	<p>9.15am No morning Mass</p> <p>1.30pm Bowlers P/C</p>
<p>Saturday 27th June</p>	<p>9.15am No morning Mass</p> <p>4.15pm Confessions</p> <p>5.30pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 28th June</p> <p><i>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Year A</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p>

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit & Seminar at St Patrick's Cathedral: 14-28 June

Out of love for the Eucharist, St Carlo Acutis created a website that compiled the details of every recorded Eucharistic miracle. These miracles are moments of extraordinary grace, where Christ's real presence in the Sacred Host is manifested in some physical way. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition has since been made available for display in parishes throughout the world where people are able to spend time learning about these extraordinary events as a community of faith. Throughout this year, the Diocese of Parramatta is displaying the Exhibition at various parishes for people to come and see. St Patrick's Cathedral will be the first host parish from Sunday 14th to Sunday 28th June in the Cloister Hall. Guest Speaker: Fr Gerard Kelly, *Biblical Roots of the Eucharist* | Saturday 27th June at 4pm in the Cloister Hall.

Please RSVP for the Seminar by Fr Gerard via parracatholic.org/events/eucharistic-miracles-exhibit

Discernment retreat for women by The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth: 4 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women 18-35 for a one day discernment retreat on Saturday, 4 July 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. The retreat offers Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, small group sharing, and quiet reflection time. Bring your questions, your hopes, and an open heart as we listen to God together. Cost is free.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish raffle: Prizes drawn 15 August

Our Online Parish Raffle to help raise funds towards the construction of a new presbytery for our priest, together with a two-story residence that will be leased to help ease some of the parish's ongoing financial commitments. This important project will provide suitable accommodation to support the long-term pastoral and spiritual care of our parish community.

Funds raised will also contribute towards essential maintenance and improvement works throughout the parish, helping preserve and strengthen our facilities for future generations.

Drawn online: 12:00 PM, Saturday 15 August. **Purchase tickets here:** <https://www.raffletix.com.au/stthomasaquinas> Every ticket purchased helps support the future mission and ministry of our parish.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity, prayers, and support.



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FATHER JOHN

We warmly wish **Father John** a pleasant, enjoyable, and safe holiday as he travels to England to visit his family and attend his brother's Ordination in July.

May this special time be filled with joy, meaningful celebrations, and well-deserved rest. We keep him in our prayers for safe travels and a happy reunion with his loved ones.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Father John on the occasion of his **45th Anniversary of Priesthood in July**. May God continue to bless him abundantly in his faithful ministry.

God bless and safe journey, Father John!

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ST FINBAR'S SCHOOL

We warmly welcome **Kym Romanous** as the new Principal of St Finbar's School.

We are delighted to have Kym join our community and look forward to the leadership, enthusiasm, and care she will bring to our school.

Please join us in wishing her every blessing and success in this new role!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, 24 June** for the day, as our staff will be attending a Deanery Cluster gathering for Nepean and the Blue Mountains.

Thank you for your understanding—we look forward to assisting you when we reopen!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

From the next roster we will be having two more ministers for the Chalices of the Blood of Christ at 5:30 Vigil and 9:30 Mass. On Sunday 28th June there will be a session, commencing at 10:50 for an hour. It will be for new volunteers and a refresher for all ministers, we will have morning tea and time for reflection. We need more ministers so please consider this as your contribution to our community. Register at the parish office, please.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – NEW NOMINATIONS

Our parish would like to sincerely thank **Cecilia Zammit** for her leadership as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council over the past 18 months, and **Tim O'Donnell** for his dedicated care of the maintenance portfolio. We are very grateful for their service.

We warmly welcome **Kylie Mills**, who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council.

At this time, we are inviting **two new members** to join the Council. We are especially looking for committed parishioners who are willing to serve our community. One of these roles would suit someone with **maintenance or building experience**.

If you feel called to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office to obtain a nomination form.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our parish community.

SEEKING PARISH VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW WORKING GROUP

Our parish is forming a small working group to brainstorm practical ways to recruit and support more volunteers in our parish community. If you have ideas, enthusiasm, or simply a heart for service, we'd love you to join us.

Please contact the parish office to express your interest.

SYNOD GATHERING DEANERY CLUSTER– PARISH PARTICIPATION

Our parish will be hosting a special gathering as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's journey of **synodality** on **Saturday 18 July** from 2pm to 4pm. This gathering is an opportunity for parish communities to come together in local groups to **reflect, share, and celebrate** how we are living out our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, and to listen to how the Holy Spirit is guiding us forward as a Church.

If you would like to be part of the Synod Gathering, please email the parish office at secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

We look forward to this important moment in the life of our parish and diocese. Please keep this gathering in your prayers.

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LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 27TH & 28TH JUNE 2026

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Peter McIlvenna	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Peter McIlvenna	Carl Moll	Stephen Brown
Junior Servers	Volunteers Please		Sebastian & Oscar Baird, Nicholas Egan
Warden	Margaret Richards	Peter McMahon	Frank Zammit
1 st Reading	Volunteer Please	Kevin Lloyd	Cecilia Zammit
2nd Reading	Naomi Cheeseman	Volunteer Please	Frank Zammit
Intercession	Felicity Lindfield	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music			Holy Light
IT Operators	Volunteer Please	Robyn Flynn	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Jan de Bie & Volunteer Please	Volunteers Please	The Young Family
Communion	Lorraine Brown & Volunteer Please	Jessica Tiller & Jean Di Nucci	Annissa Nilsson & Todd Stanford
Children's Liturgy	Carolyn & Gwen		
Church Care	Jane Lennon, Melissa McDonald, Gabrielle Lynch & Lucy Limbers.		
Hospitality	Kerry & Peter Herborn		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jeffrie Harsh (Helen's Husband), James McCaughan (Cormac's Father) and Anita Keenan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Tony Phoebus (Mark's Uncle), Tom Torrance, John Brown, Mila Svehla, Chris Wilson, Chris Paine, Caroline Goosen, Norman Fisher (Bernie's brother), Noreen Taylor, Lyn Downes, Pat Barrett, Beryl & Stan Callaghan, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Mark Bates, Colleen Nolan, Sophie Hollies, Maddison Farrugia, Gerard Keenan (Anita's Son), Margaret Stevens, Christopher Thomson, David Haynes (Yvonne Scanlan's Dad), Margaret Christensen, Joan and Marcia Pereira, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika Gawlik.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Julia Redler, Neville Fogarty, Joan Lohrey, Ellen Gillian, James Smith, Margaret Burley, Leonard Rowan, Nancy Cassidy, Emma Gleeson, Betty Pain, Mario Carboni, Edward Cornish, Therese Dupressoir, Roger Chambers, Patricia Goldhawk, Arthur Plevey, Esther Crambrook, Mazelle Montgomery and Mary Robb.

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